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## A GREAT MEETING

McLendon Meeting Reached High Mark Yesterday, Thousands of People Attending 3 Services.

HUNDREDS HAVE PROFESS-ED FAITH; MANY RESTORED

Each Sermon and Service Better Than the Last—Service for Colored Folks This Evening—Two Services Daily During Week—Cottage Prayermeetings—Meeting Will Last Two Weeks Longer

Some nine thousand people attended the 3 services at the Banner warehouse yesterday and the evangelistic campaign swung into its fourth week with life and fire and vigor that bid fair to make the next two weeks memorable in the history of Lumberton. Yesterday was the first Sunday since the campaign began on December 8 that the weather has been at all favorable, and many people attended from a distance, some coming for the morning service and spending the day.

Evangelist McLendon will preach to the colored folks this evening, and the singing will be a feature of the service. White people also are invited.

Two services will be held daily this week, at 3 and 7:30 p. m. Beginning tomorrow, prayermeetings will be held at various homes all over town from 9:30 to 10 a. m. daily. Where these services will be held tomorrow will be announced at the service this evening.

Hundreds have professed faith since the meeting began and many church members who had grown cold have been reclaimed. Scores of people crowd to the front at every invitation given by the preacher. At the conclusion of the service last Monday evening Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, went upon the platform and made public profession of his acceptance of Christ and his determination to live for God. He said that he had been under deep conviction since hearing Mr. McLendon's sermon the night before on sin, and that that afternoon he made the complete surrender. Mr. W. H. M. Brown of Buie also embraced the opportunity to make public profession of his conversion last October.

Among sermons of superlative spiritual power, each meeting the need of the hour, one cannot say that this one or that was best; but in his sermons Saturday evening and yesterday, at each of the three services, Evangelist McLendon preached with such great power and made so plain some things over which multitudes of people stumble that the conviction was forced upon one that the messages were truly inspired. Yesterday Mr. McLendon preached after a sleepless night during which he suffered with a fever, but there was lacking none of the usual fire and zeal, and last night he said he was as fresh as when he first began preaching.

This being the first issue of The Robesonian since last Monday, with the consequent accumulation of matter to be handled, it is impossible to give detailed reports of all the sermons. A report of the service last Monday in this issue and further reports of sermons last week and yesterday will be published in the next issue. In subsequent issues it is hoped that it will be possible to give reports of all sermons up to the time of going to press.

### Senator McLaurin on McLendon.

Ex-Senator John L. McLaurin of Bennettsville, one of the most prominent men of South Carolina, and Editor W. D. Gris of the Yorkville Enquirer, one of the best semi-weekly newspapers in the country, attended the service Thursday afternoon and before the sermon Senator McLaurin paid a high tribute to Mr. McLendon. He said that if there is a Christian on God's earth Baxter McLendon is one; that he has known McLendon since he was a boy, and that since he was converted he had never known any man to walk straighter; that no man in Marlboro county is held in higher esteem, his folks love and respect him; that he is the best judge of human nature he has ever known. Senator McLaurin said much more to the same purpose, showing that Mr. McLendon is honored and respected by the people among whom he has spent his life and has their entire confidence. Senator McLaurin is a near neighbor of McLendon.

Mr. McLendon spent Christmas Eve at his home in Bennettsville and he showed up Christmas night with some scratches on his face. He said that without provocation a man approached him on the street the night before and insulted him in such a gross way that he could not have looked his wife and children in the face again without resenting it, and he proceeded to knock the man's "block off"; and he added, "he will not do it again."

### Excuses Men Make For Not Being Christians.

At the service Christmas night Mr. McLendon preached on the excuses men make for not being Christians. They are foolish, he declared, as foolish as the excuses the men made who were invited to the marriage supper and began to make excuses, one that he had bought a piece of land and must needs go and see it; another that he had bought a yolk of oxen and must provide them; another that he had married a wife—upon which passage of Scripture his remarks were based. Hypocrites, he said, hide behind hyp-

## "CYCLONE MACK" IN ACTION



### Pithy Sayings of McLendon.

There's just about as much cordiality and Christian fellowship among the preachers of this land as there is between a bulldog and a tomcat.

One of the most pathetic things in the world is a man with a strong physique and a withered soul.

Sin is moral insanity and hell is God's insane asylum.

A blind tiger is a cross between a polecat and a buzzard.

It does not take age to make a devil, it takes sin.

I came here to sit up with you until we have a revival.

If you are not asked to do something at this revival, ask for something to do.

You can do a man nine hundred and ninety-nine favors and if you don't do him the 1000th favor he will look on you as a confirmed enemy.

It requires microscopic inspection to tell church members from non-church members.

A majority of the churches are run as opposition societies.

Russellism is one of the most damnable heresies. It preaches that there is no personal devil.

You can reach 10 bumps in New York or Chicago where you can reach one high-toned, moral citizen.

The more rigid denominational lines are drawn the less you see the spirit of God manifested. A mean, narrow, sectarianism is the curse of the country.

Church membership is a greased plank the devil uses to slide folks into hell.

When churches lay down envy and jealousy and start a drive together they will put the devil in a hospital.

Occrits in the church; they look over 99 Godly men and women in the church and pick out the hypocrite. Hypocrits are going to hell and it is better to spend a few years with a few hypocrits in the church than to spend eternity in hell with all the hypocrits in the church and out of it.

The worst sin, the preacher declared, is rejecting Jesus.

Men say they are afraid they will not hold out. Holding out, he said, is not your business—God will take care of that.

You can miss your chance of being saved, said the preacher, and he told of the awful condition of the man or woman who resists God's spirit until finally God lets them alone. "He that being often reproved hardeneth his heart and stiffeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

### REGAN STORE ROBBED.

Robbers Unlocked Store Door and Safe and Got Away With \$200 or \$300—No Clue to Guilty Persons.

The store of Mr. J. B. Regan, about ten miles north-east of Lumberton, was robbed Sunday night, December 22. The robbers unlocked the store door and also a safe in the store. Between \$200 and \$300 in cash was taken from the safe which had the combination on it. Both the safe and door to the building were re-locked by the robbers. But very little merchandise was missed.

After entering the building the robbers hitched Mr. Regan's horse to his buggy and drove away. The horse and buggy were found near Lumberton, the horse roaming at large, by a colored man late on the night of the robbery. There is no clue as to the guilty parties.

—Mr. Alex Sessoms is enjoying fresh headed cabbage from his garden. The plants were put out in September.

### WHISKEY STILL IN TOWN.

Chief Hanna Captured Whiskey Still In Operation Near Union Station—Still Attached to a Range at Home of Jim Jenkins, Colored, Who Has Vamosed.

It was not generally known up to last Tuesday night that a whiskey still was being operated in the town of Lumberton. Chief of Police E. L. Hanna located a whiskey-making plant in full operation in the kitchen at the home of Jim Jenkins, colored near the union station. The chief smelted something "cooking" and when he reached the scene of action Jenkins was sitting on the front porch at his home with a shotgun across his lap. He ordered the officer to halt, but he did not halt. While he was locating the still Jenkins made his escape and has not been conspicuous in Lumberton since that time.

The still was a home-made affair and was attached to a range. The plant, with more than twenty gallons of beer, was taken over by the officials. It is supposed the plant had been in operation for some time.

### 92 CASES OF "FLU."

That Number of Cases Reported in Robeson Last Week.

Nine Robeson physicians reported 92 new cases of "flu" to the county board of health last week. Forty cases were reported from the McDonald section, twenty-six from Rowland, seven from Fairmont, eighteen from Pembroke and one from St. Pauls.

### Recorder's Court Cases.

Winnie Stocks, colored, was before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson Saturday on the charge of stealing a chicken from Sam Smith. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost. Both plaintiff and defendant live in Howellsville township. After Smith indicted Winnie for "taking" the chicken she indicted him on the charge of letting his hogs run at large. Prayer for judgment was continued in this case upon payment of the cost.

Weldon Lovett of the Long Branch section was also given a hearing on the charge of letting his stock run at large. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost.

### Marked Progress in Farming in Bladen.

It does us good to see such marked progress in farming in Bladen county during the past ten years. We don't know any county that has made more progress along this line in the same length of time. Ten years ago there were very few farmers in the county that produced more than a half bale of cotton to the acre, and on many farms it took three or four acres to produce a bale. But now there are scores of farmers making a bale to the acre and more. In a very few years Bladen will be one of the leading agricultural counties in the State.

The fine tract of land known as L. M. Peele's McGoogan farm, between Rex and Rennett, the 348 acres of which had been cut into 8 small farms for the purpose of selling at public auction, as advertised in The Robesonian, was sold last week by Mr. G. H. Russell of Laurinburg at private sale, before the date of the auction sale, for \$30,500. This is said to be one of the finest farms in Robeson.

### DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MRS. R. D. CALDWELL

She Passed Away in Baltimore Christmas Day—Funeral Here Friday Attended by Immense Crowd—Tributes To the Rare Christian Character and Influence of a Most Estimable Woman.

One of the largest crowds that ever attended a funeral in Lumberton gathered Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock to pay the last tribute of respect to Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, who passed away at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md., Wednesday morning at 9:35, death resulting from pneumonia following influenza.

The funeral was conducted from the First Baptist church by Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth. The auditorium and gallery were filled to overflowing with sorrowing friends and relatives. Dr. Durham mentioned three traits in the life of Mrs. Caldwell that had impressed him. These were: Her love for God, her spirit of optimism and her persistence in doing good. In a short talk Mr. Hedgepeth paid glowing tribute to the beautiful Christian life of the deceased and declared that her influence would live and bear fruits in the years to come. Her life had a great deal to do with making Lumberton the good town it is, he said. Hundreds of people followed the remains to their last resting place in Meadowbrook cemetery, where interment was made. No more beautiful array of flowers has been seen here than that which covered the grave of Mrs. Caldwell.

The service at the church was tender and beautiful. As a mark of profound respect the congregation stood as the preacher entered and remained standing until the casket was rolled to its place in front of the chancel. As a part of the Scripture reading Dr. Durham read the 103rd Psalm, a favorite of Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell and read by them many times together during recent months, when Mr. Caldwell's health has not been good.

In their high tributes to the noble traits of character of the deceased, Dr. Durham and Mr. Hedgepeth gave expression to what every heart in the presence felt. They said that every one would have liked to say if they could have given utterance to what was in their hearts.

The pall bearers were: active—Messrs. S. McIntyre, L. H. Caldwell, Q. T. Williams, K. M. Biggs, Frank Gough, Dr. H. T. Pope, honorary—Messrs. L. R. Varsler, H. B. Jennings, H. M. McAllister, F. P. Gray, Jas. D. Proctor, R. C. Lawrence, E. J. Britt, W. J. Linkhaw, G. L. Thompson, D. W. Biggs, L. E. Whaley, K. M. Barnes, A. P. Caldwell, M. F. Caldwell, Irvin Carlyle, E. B. Freeman, J. T. Biggs, J. A. Branch, T. L. Johnson, A. E. White, T. W. Maxwell and Dr. R. T. Allen.

As an unusual mark of respect for deceased, the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad, of which Mr. Caldwell is a director, stopped all trains, closed all station doors and ceased all work for five minutes, beginning at 3 o'clock, by order of Mr. J. Q. Beckwith, assistant to the general manager. Many local business houses were closed for the funeral.

There were many out-of-town people here for the funeral from the country and nearby towns, among them Messrs. A. R. McEachern, J. M. Butler and J. L. McGoogan of St. Pauls.

Mrs. Sarah Dovie Caldwell was born November 1, 1864, and was, therefore, in her 55th year. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Carlyle of Lumberton and spent all her life here. She was married to Mr. Caldwell May 29, 1884. Her husband, one daughter and three sons—Mrs. H. M. Baker of Detroit, Mich., Messrs. S. F. and R. D. Jr., and Master William Caldwell, of Lumberton—and one brother, Mr. W. W. Carlyle of Lumberton, survive.

Mrs. Caldwell joined the Baptist church when only a girl and the First Baptist church of Lumberton never had a more loyal member. Unless providentially hindered, she was never absent from service, and she took an active part in all that tended to the spiritual uplift of her church and community. Deceased had for several years been very active in the work of the Woman's Missionary society of the Robeson Baptist association and she never tired in her work of bringing about the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

Her love for God and humanity and her manner of administering to those less fortunate than she endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. In her death not only the church with which she was affiliated, but Lumberton and Robeson county at large sustain a loss that will be sorely felt. She was a model Christian woman and her influence will live forever.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell went to Baltimore about six weeks ago to consult specialists under whose care Mr. Caldwell has been for the past 9 or 10 months. While there Mr. Caldwell suffered a light attack of influenza from which he soon recovered. Mrs. Caldwell also contracted the disease, which was followed by pneumonia. It was thought that her condition was improving until last Tuesday afternoon when there came a change for the worse. Mr. S. F. Caldwell and his two younger brothers, Masters Robert and William, left for Baltimore Tuesday evening but their mother passed away before they could reach her bedside. Her husband and son-in-law are daughter, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Baker of Detroit, Mich., were with her when the end came.

News of the death came as a pro-

### WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS.

Two Lumberton Men in An Airplane.

Mayor James D. Proctor received last week a letter from his brother Lieut. E. Knox Proctor in which Lieut. Proctor stated that he had just made a trip of 115 miles on an aeroplane with Mr. S. K. Nash, formerly of Lumberton. Mr. Nash was at that time taking a plane from the factory to the front and learned where Lieut. Proctor was stationed and landed to spend a short time with him. Lieut. Proctor stated that he thoroughly enjoyed the ride. He said that he hoped to be home some time next spring. Lieut. Proctor is attached to the 81st division.

Mr. F. Eriel Carlyle has been honorably discharged from the U. S. navy and has returned home. He was stationed at Hampton Roads, Va.

Mr. J. J. Goodwin has been released from the U. S. army and will return to his work here at an early date. Mr. Goodwin is a member of the well-known law firm of McLean, Varsler, McLean and H. E. Stacy. Mr. Goodwin volunteered and entered the military service more than three months ago. He was stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga. He has been at Red Springs for more than a week.

Mr. Z. A. MacCall returned about 10 days ago from the officers' training camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., and is visiting at the home of his father, Mr. D. A. MacCall, at Elrod. He was a Lumberton visitor Thursday. He has been transferred back to the reserve officers' training camp at the State college, Raleigh, from which college he went to Plattsburg. He is on the editorial staff of the college annual and will go to Raleigh this week ahead of the opening of the spring term on Jan. 7, to assist in getting out that publication. This will be Mr. MacCall's last year at the State college. He has been recommended for a commission.

### A German Gas Shell.

Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Glover received this morning a German gas shell, captured on the Hindenburg line, from their son Corporal E. J. Glover, 7th Co., 1st mechanics Reg., air service. The letter which preceded the shell was written from Lovigne, France. The shell was wrapped in a Robesonian of Sept. 20, 1918.

Lieut. J. M. Russell of Camp McClellan, Anniston, Ala., is spending a ten-days' furlough here with his folks. Lieut. Russell spent some time in France and was sent back to the States to assist in training other soldiers.

Mr. Arthur Shooter of the U. S. army, stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., spent part of last week here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. J. L. Williamson arrived home last evening from Philadelphia, Pa., having been released from the U. S. army.

### COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON.

54,854 Bales Ginned to December 13.

Correspondence of The Robesonian—Barnesville, Dec. 28.—There were 54,854 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1918, prior to December 13, as compared with 45,202 bales ginned to December 13, 1917.

J. W. BARNES, Special Agent

"Pull the string hard and get the results of our neighbor's garden. The above inscription was found on a small card found hanging from the mouth of a Lumberton chicken Saturday. The card was tied to one end of a string and a grain of corn was attached to the other. The chicken swallowed the corn and the card followed the chicken home.

Messrs. M. B. McCormick and W. H. McClellan, both of Rowland, were somewhat bruised Thursday when a Ford car in which they were riding turned turtle about 4 miles from Lumberton on the Fairmont road. They were both brought to the Thompson hospital and are recovering. Neither received any broken bones.

Mr. W. T. Hutchinson has resigned his position with Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son. He has accepted a position with the W. T. McCoy Co. of Charlotte and will go to Charlotte to begin work at an early date. Mr. Hutchinson's family will remain here for a while. Mr. Hutchinson came to Lumberton about 4 years ago and he and his family have made many friends here.

Messrs. A. E. White and R. E. Lewis and Misses Vivian Townsend, Kathryn Beaman and George Whitfield sang Christmas carols all over town Christmas morning from 5 to 7 o'clock, visiting every part of town, not forgetting the jail. Sleepers past the earlier hour were waked by "concord of sweet sounds" to realization of the fact that the glad morning had arrived. Never was early morning sleep more sweetly broken—or early risers given a more fitting introduction to the day.

found shock and cast a gloom over the community where the deceased spent her life and where she was universally loved and admired for her many womanly virtues.

### COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 28 cents the pound.

### BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Local banks will be closed Wednesday—New Year's Day.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. Sam Edwards, Tuesday morning, a boy.

—The U. D. C. will meet in the municipal building at 3:30 p. m. Thursday.

—The graded and high school will begin the spring term Wednesday of this week, January 1st.

—Mr. J. J. Prevatt and family moved last week from Fairmont to Mr. Geo. L. Thompson's farm, near Back Swamp church.

—Much complaint is being made to the officials about hogs being allowed to run at large. This is a violation of the law.

—The Red Cross Christmas roll call campaign in Lumberton resulted in the collection of \$620. Miss Cammie McNeill was chairman.

—A bountiful dinner, contributed by Lumberton people, was taken to the inmates of the county home Christmas Day by Miss Lizzie Caldwell.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Bert Adams and Nettie Foley; Ferrell Jennings and Reba Blanche Floyd; Mellier Hardin and Ruby Hayes.

—Mr. H. L. Pope has purchased the residence of Mr. C. V. Brown, North Elm, and he and his family will move into their new home about February 1st.

—Much complaint is heard about conditions at the union station here. Often when it is cold there is no fire in the waiting room and the station is not kept in a sanitary condition.

—Mr. D. H. Britt, Jr., of McDonald writes The Robesonian to the effect that Mr. J. V. Faulk of that place killed a porker on the 26th inst. that weighed 843 pounds. Quite a bit of hog.

—Misses Ganelle and Myrtle Barnes and Hazel Carlyle left this morning for Greensboro, to resume their studies at Greensboro college for women, after spending the holidays at their homes here.

—Mr. Geo. W. Bass and family moved Thursday from the Barnesville section into the Freeman residence, Third street. Mr. Bass has accepted a position as salesman in Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store.

—News has been received here of the marriage on Christmas day of Mr. Sam B. Lewis of Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Lewis formerly lived here and is brother of Sheriff R. E. Lewis. It has not been learned who Mr. Lewis married.

—Many fine porkers have been killed in Robeson during the last few weeks. The heaviest yet reported to The Robesonian belonged to Mr. Artie Walters of R. 2 from Fairmont. This one tipped the scales at 547 after being dressed.

—Mr. R. Lewis Shelby, cashier of the National Bank of Hopewell, Va., spent Wednesday and Thursday here, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Shelby. Mr. Wearn Shelby, book-keeper in the same bank, also spent the holidays here visiting his parents.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Smith and their 2 children, of Saddletree, will leave Wednesday for Callahan, Fla., near which place they will make their home on a farm recently purchased by Mr. Smith, who has sold his farm in Saddletree township to the O. L. Joyner Co.

—Mr. Fred Seibert, utility man and personal worker with Evangelist McLendon, returned Saturday night from a business trip to Chicago. While away he visited his mother in the northern part of Iowa. Mr. Seibert, by the way, was with Evangelist Billy Sunday for 12 years.

—Mr. John French, who had been confined to his room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Townsend with the "flu" since the 12th inst., is able to be out today for the first time. When asked if he had the "flu" sure enough he replied that he had the Spanish influenza—the whole works.

—Among those who came home from college to spend the holidays and not mentioned in previous issues of The Robesonian were: Misses Hazel Carlyle, Ganelle and Myrtle Barnes from the Greensboro College for women; Miss Dorothy Hynlayson from Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C.

—Members of the traveling house party of 1916 were entertained at a dinner at the Alpine cafe Tuesday evening. The party was composed of Misses Hazel Carlyle, Viola Jenkins, Rachel McNamara, Mary Lee Caldwell and Margaret Pope. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins.

—Miss Carrie Mae Hedgepeth, who is a student of Eugene Hefley Carnegie hall, New York city, directed a quartette that was given Christmas Eve at Earl hall, Columbia university, also was pianist during the rendition of several Christmas carols, the occasion being a special service given to the foreign music students of the city.

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